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SUBJECT: SOVIET DRAFT RES ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION

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1. AT AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL MEETING ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES OCTOBER 11 OF SO-CALLED VINCI GROUP (WEO'S PLUS US AND JAPAN) US REP DREW ON SOME OF THE GUIDANCE IN REFTEL (A) IN DESCRIBING PRELIMINARY US VIEWS ON ENMOD, WHICH WAS ONE OF FOUR ITEMS PLACED ON AGENDA FOR THE MEETING BY CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS CANADIAN CHAIRMAN.

- 2. SINCE NOT ALL PARTICIPANTS AT MEETING COULD BE DESCRIBED AS "PRINCIPAL ALLIES" OR EVEN "FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS." US REP OMMITTED MATERIAL IN PARA #3 (B) AND(C) OF REFTEL (A), USING FULLY HOWEVER 3(A) AND GIST OF 3(D) (1) AND (2), AND EMPHASINZING THROUGHOUT THAT WE HAVE NOT YET MADE AN DEFINITIVE DECISIONS.
- 3. SEVERAL REPS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THIS SOV PROPOSAL WOULD WIN GREATER SUPPORT THAN SHOWCASE INTITIATIVES OF PREVIOUS YEARS. TWO (AUSTRIA, FINALND) REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE SOVS TO CO-SPONSOR THEIR RESOLUTION. NEW ZEALAND ASKED WHETHER CREATION OF A UN SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION ALONG THE LINES OF UNSCEAR MIGHT BE A GOOD WAY TO APPROACH THIS PROBLEM. US REP EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SUCH A GROUP COULD PRODUCE ANY ORIGINAL RESEARCH ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 4. NO ONE PRESENT APART FROM US REP GAVE ANY INDICATION OF HAVING EVEN A TENTATIVE POSITION ON THE SOVIET RESOLUTION. OUR COMMENTS WERE CLEARLY NOTED WITH INTEREST.

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